

REMARKS

The Applicants appreciate the time and consideration that the Examiner has provided in reviewing this application. By the above amendment, the specification and claims 2 and 6 have been amended.

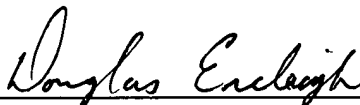
In the Office action dated April 18, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 2 and 6 under 36 U.S.C. § 112 and indicated that claims 1,3, 4 and 5 were allowed. With respect to the § 112 rejections, the Examiner noted that the element of “comminuting” in line 1 of claim 2 did not have sufficient antecedent basis. Accordingly, claim 2 has been amended to change “comminuting” to –converting--, which has an antecedent in claim 1. Also, the Examiner noted that claim 6 did not further limit claim 5. Accordingly, claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 3.

In the Office Action dated April 18, 2005, the Examiner also required an updated reference to the prior application in the specification. Accordingly, the specification has been amended to be updated in this regard.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, and in view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request favorable consideration and the timely allowance of all pending claims. If, for any reason, the application and claims are not in condition for allowance, or any additional information is required, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (312) 701-8738. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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